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To: Editor, MTstandard.com

Ref: "Education needed on medical marijuana bill." // "Pot shop raising concerns."

Dear Editor,

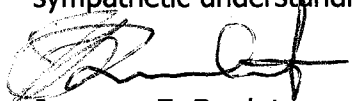
As a suffering chronic pain and pancreatic patient who was previously prescribed as high as 120mg of Oxycontin per day which is, as I know now, FDA contraindicated for pancreatic patients, I sympathize deeply with Mr. Gaffaney of Deerlodge. I also have to let the reader know that I told the so called "pain specialists" / 'legalized heroin dealers' to go to hell when they did so and sought healthier medical practices by which I have been delivered from "legalized heroin addiction" altogether. There is hope.

The reader must know also that with pharmaceutical opiate based pain medication there remains the problem of psychosocial behavior modification and organic interference with physiological processes that requites substantial other support medications: the proverbial "Heath Ledger" mix. Mostly, Oxycontin deprives one of sleep and a stable healthy mind and soul. I respect and honor the family of Mr. Ledger who died because of such legalized death cocktails. I pray for all addictions regularly and thank God for His mercy.

There is no greater social destroyer than despair. Addictions are not caused by availability; they are caused by social diseases that predate any discussions on legalization of marijuana. Whiskey, wine, beer, heroin or Lysol in a bag, the answers are not therein. Marijuana cannot deliver any patient from despair either, but as a substantial affective remedy for a number of symptoms associated with a myriad of sicknesses, it is certainly a much lesser evil to the body and heart, the physiology and psychology of a patient. Notably the sociological affects have bettered my own lifestyle making of me personally a happier healthier man.

As to the "war on drugs" I would say in my reading that the deplorable practices associated with prohibition are more so edified in racist hatred of the fifties in post war America and based in polemics driven by economic lobbies who sought to eliminate hemp production where marijuana was vilified as a primary argument over the reality of the true economic causes; that certain business could not afford the hemp competition and "created a social nightmare" with ethno-racial hatred that defined such "illicit practice" as social dereliction typical of certain non Caucasian race groups that imported and used marijuana because of inferior social status, and that this same attitude remains as such, hatred related lies and propaganda. We are living in the 21st century aren't we? While we all suffer economic duress presently more and more so called ordinary folk are homeless and despairing, this does not make the many less American. It makes them human.

So with that in mind I refer to the delinquent social disorder also defined by so called Caregivers such as the "Patch". If you think you can play with your own rules you are wrong. I have a business and a license and I obey and respect my community's needs and my client. You cannot call yourself a Caregiver if you do not respect the communities needs: that means the community of Butte Silver Bow and Montana; and it means specifically the community of the patients who will be relying on you to tow the line professionally for them. In the same, doctors take heed, medicine is more than prescribed relief; it requires a sympathetic understanding of the whole, the whole patient that is, and making a patient whole.


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